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The Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
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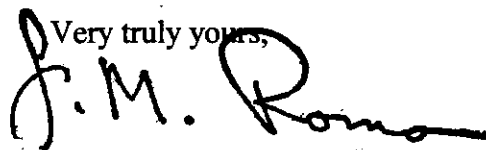
Re: 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge O'Farrell:

Pursuant to correspondence received from Mr. Ed Kramer, Chairman Response Committee, I am pleased to submit this for your review. I apologize that you did not find our information complete.

Attached hereto is additional information pertaining to the responses of our Governing Body to the Findings and Recommendations in the 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Final Report dated January 2, 2002. As directed by Mr. Kramer's correspondence, I will be addressing our response to Recommendations 1,2,and 5 of the aforementioned report.

Again, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury. We look forward to continued positive growth and economic development for the citizens of the City of Greenfield.

Very truly yours,


J. Mike Romo, Mayor

GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT TITLED "MONTEREY COUNTY 2001 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT"

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS BY GREENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rec. #	Check One §933.05(a)				Time frame, explanation, summary (attached), etc.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	Has been implemented, include summary of action	Will be implemented, include time frame	Requires further analysis, include time frame	Will not be implemented, include explanation	CONTINUE ON ATTACHED SHEETS AS NECESSARY
1	X				The City of Greenfield agrees with this recommendation and has a Ride-along program implemented since 1998. This year the City has implemented the Citizens on Patrol "C.O.P." Program.
2	X				The City of Greenfield agrees with this recommendation and its police officers perform foot and vehicle patrols during school pedestrian traffic.
3				X	The City of Greenfield disagrees with this recommendation. To implement this with the Greenfield Police Department could allow the criminal element to discover that all the police officers were at the Police Department at the same time every day on every shift, many times there are only two officers on duty per shift. This could also allow them to plan criminal activity at those times.
4	X				The City of Greenfield has and continues to budget funds to pay financial bonuses to officers who speak Spanish. Officers are encouraged to attend POST-approved Spanish training.
5	X				The City presently has \$800,000 budgeted for a new police facility. An additional \$300,000 is needed to meet the budget. City hopes to have necessary revenue in place within the next 18 months. Once funding is in place, construction will commence.

Finding 2. The frequent turnover of police chiefs in a relative short period of time resulted in continuing problems within the Department.

The City of Greenfield agrees with this finding with comment. The City of Greenfield exercises no control over personnel as to when they choose to leave employment. Former Chief's have resigned on their own to seek employment opportunities elsewhere. As for interim chiefs, they were just that interim. All former interim chiefs, made it very clear to management that they could only function as interim chiefs for a temporary period of time.

Finding 3. Without a full staff, the Department was forced to be reactive rather than proactive, resulting in a potential decrease of service for the residence.

The City agrees with this finding with comment. Recently the Police Department has been operating at full strength..

Finding 4. Currently, there are no formal briefings before shifts.

The City agrees with this finding. Formal briefings before shift would set a pattern of no officers on the street, as many times there are only (2) officers working. Criminals may discover this pattern and use it to further criminal activity.

Finding 5. Three of the 16 officers speak Spanish, while a large segment of the population of Greenfield is Spanish speaking.

The City agrees with this finding with comment. The department currently has three officers that speak Spanish. The City of Greenfield strives to recruit officers that are bilingual. The City has for many years provided a financial benefit to officers who are bilingual Spanish /English. It is up to the officer as to whether or not they want to avail themselves of this financial incentive. The City encourages as many officers as possible to take advantage of this bonus.

Finding 6. The Current police facility is inadequate for the needs of the Greenfield Police Department.

The City agrees with this finding. The City is in the process of obtaining a new police facility and could have one as soon as July or August of 2002.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1. The Greenfield Police Department cultivate an environment of trust with the residents by promoting programs such as ride-along program with an on-duty police officer.

The City of Greenfield agrees with this recommendation and will continue to meet the requirements by encouraging citizens through the media and at various meetings to ride with officers. Attached is our Ride-A-Long form.

Recommendation 2. The Greenfield Police Department maintain a visible presence when children are walking to and from school.

Has been implemented January 2001. Officers began foot patrol of the area where school children walked to school and are noting this on their daily logs. Attached for your information are samples of the patrol logs used by the Officers.

A two month surveillance between September and November 2001 of the 200 & 300 block of El Camino Real was conducted by the Greenfield Explores, this indicated the date, time, Location, How many children present, how many adults, any gestures made by adults at children, and if any known gang members were present. Attached is a sample of the form used for your information.

Recommendation 3. The Greenfield Police Department schedule formal briefings before each shift.

The city disagrees with this recommendation. To implement this with the Greenfield Police Department could allow the criminal element to discover that all the police officers were at the police department at the same time every day on every shift, many times there are only (2) officers on duty per shift. This could also allow them to plan criminal activity at those times.

Formal briefings with all officers may be an effective way to pass information from one shift to another in larger departments where there are still officers on patrol. The Greenfield PD has chosen to pass shift information from one shift supervisor to another at shift change.

Recommendation 4. The Greenfield City Council budget funds to provide police officers with classis in conversational Spanish.

The City of Greenfield has and continues to budget funds to pay finical bonuses to officers who speak Spanish. Officers are encouraged to attend POST approved Spanish training.

Recommendation 5. The Greenfield City Council budget funds to upgrade or replace the current police facility.

This has been implemented.